

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.81
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	725 Massasoit Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	North Eastham
Local No:	08-257C
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Abandoned or Vacant; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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 Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's
 Number

08/257C

USGS Quad

Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

81

Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

725 Massasoit Road

Historic Name

Present Residential

Original "

Date of Construction Undetermined

See Bibliography*

Form Center-chimney, Full Cape Cod
 House Form

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
 Cottage/shed

Major Alterations (with dates)
 See Architectural Description.

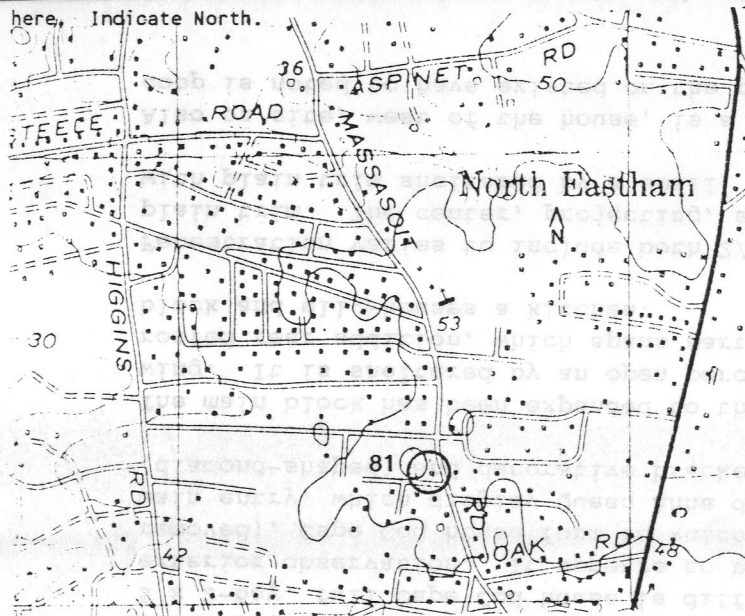
Condition Poor

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 1.93 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,
 rural area.

here, Indicate North.



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BUILDING FORM

725 Massasoit Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Like all simply-styled vernacular dwellings, the date of this 1 1/2-story, 5 x 2-bay, full Cape Cod house is difficult to determine from exterior observation. It appears to be a common, center-chimney (now removed), Cape Cod house form to which dormers, an open porch and enclosed main entry, which display Queen Anne detail such as decorative shingles (diamond-shaped) and decorative brackets, have been added.

The main block has been expanded to the south with a long, 1-story, lateral wing. It is sheltered by an open porch (now partially demolished). A shed-roofed rear addition, which spans part of the rear elevation of both the main block and ell, houses a kitchen.

Fenestration varies to include both 2/2 and 2/1, double-hung sash with plain trim. The center, projecting, enclosed, main entry has a 6-panel door with plain trim sheltered by a small, hip-roof hood.

Also on site, west of the house, is a cottage with attached shed. A chicken coop is noted to have existed on the property prior to 1940.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Massasoit Road was developed during the Federal Period (1775-1830). By the end of the Federal Period, Methodists had established a campground near Campground Road off Massasoit Road. This center for summer religious retreats lasted from 1830 to 1862 when the camp moved to Yarmouth. By 1831, one of Eastham's five schools and many residences were located on Massasoit Road.

It is likely that many of the residents were involved in agriculture. Grains were an early cash crop in Eastham and later, asparagus and turnips became more common. Husbandry and fishing were also important sources of income for Massasoit Road residents. By 1901, at least seven farmers were living on Massasoit Road. There were also a clerk, lighthouse keeper, laborer and a grocer. A provisions store was located on the corner of Oak and Massasoit Roads. By the twentieth century, the road had become an important way from Orleans through Eastham to Wellfleet. Seasonal residents had begun building summer homes and cottages by the Early Modern Period.

The current owner of the house at 725 Massasoit Road, who recently inherited the property from his grandfather, believes the house was moved from Billingsgate Island. That island, formerly off the bay shore north of Eastham, supported a summer fishing community and a lighthouse from 1822 until the early twentieth century when it was finally completely eroded by the sea.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Unattributed deed research regarding the property on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives ascribes the property to Isaiah H. and Louisa Horton. They sold in 1860 to Scotter P. Bangs, who lived next door at 655 Massasoit Road and resold it to Louisa Horton in 1875. The latter apparently retained it until 1890 when she sold to Charles Daniels. The property is credited to Charles Daniels on 1908 map of Eastham. In the 1901 directory, Daniels is listed as a surfman at the United States Life Saving Station, a job he held for many years. A subsequent owner in 1943 was Major Oliver L. Austin who rented out the house.

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